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IN RE APPLICATION OF

Group Art Unit: 3612

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Serial No. :10/777,180

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Title : DEPLOYABLE RIGID  
SYSTEM FOR CRASH  
ENERGY MANAGEMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated October 25, 2004, setting forth a three-month period for response that expires January 25, 2002, reconsideration of the rejections therein and allowance of the application are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

Applicant would initially like to thank the Examiner for consideration of the references cited in Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement, as indicated by the signed and returned Form-1449.

Claims 1-9 and 26-36 are pending in the application. No claims have been amended or added.